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SUBJECT: EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL EXCHANGE: VOLUNTARY VISITOR

PROGRAM: DR. JOSE PEREZ VILAPLANA.

AMBASSADOR LAST WEEK RECEIVED A LETTER FROM SPANISH AMBASSADOR TO PANAMA REQUESTING HELP FOR SPANISH CITIZEN, DR. JOSE PEREZ VILAPLANA, A PROFESSOR OF HIGH MATHEMATICS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF PANAMA. DR. PEREZ'S CONTRACT HAS ENDED AT THE UNIVERSITY AND BEFORE RETURNING TO SPAIN HE WOULD LIKE TO SPEND A MONTH AT A UNIVERSITY OR RESEARCH ORGANIZATION IN THE UNITED STATES OBSERVING AND CONSULTING WITH EXPERTS IN THE FIELD OF "MODEL BUILDING AND TAXONOMY." IN JULY DR. PEREZ VILAPLANA WROTE THE FOLLOWING UNIVERSITIES: STANFORD (DR. DANTZIG), PENNSYLVANIA (WARTON SCHOOL, RUSSEL A. ACKOFF), COLUMBIA (MARTIN K. STARK), CASE (DEAN V. BURTON), GEORGIA TECH. (NORMAN H. LEHRER; DELEWARE (ROBERT STARK); WASHINGTON (SEATTLE, IRVING SHAIN); VIRGINIA POLYTECH (WILSON SCHMIBP). HE ALSO WROTE RAND COROPRATION (JOHN E. ROLPH). DR. PEREZ M. OFFERED TO LECTURE IN RETURN FOR THE ONE MONTH VISIT AND LIVING COSTS. THE UNIVERSITIES REPLIED THAT WITH ACADEMIC SCHEDULES ALREADY FIRM THEY COULD NOT ACCOMMODATE HIS REQUEST. RAND REPLIED THAT THE CORPORATION, NOT A UNIVERSITY, DID NOT NORMALLY EMPLOY VISITORS TO GIVE COURSES. DR. PEREZ V. WOULD PREFER TO GO TO RAND OR STANFORD BUT A VISIT AT ANY ONE OF THE UNIVERSITIES WOULD BE MOST WELCOME. HE WOULD COVER HIS TRAVEL AND, IF NO COMPENSATION AVAILABLE, COULD COVER MODEST LIVING COSTS. HIS WIFE WOULD ACCOMPANY. DR. PEREZ V. DOES NOT SPEAK ENGLISH WELL ENOUGH TO LECTURE IN THAT LANGUAGE. HE IS ALSO A LITTLE HARD OF

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HEARING, USES A HEARING AID AND, AT TIMES, CALLS ON HIS WIFE

FOR HEARING ASSISTANCE. HE SAYS THAT MEETINGS WHERE ENGLISH
PREDOMINATES HAVE NOT CAUSED HIM SERIOUS DIFFICULTY.

DR. AND MRS. PEREZ HAVE HAD US VISAS OBTAINED IN MADRID BEFORE
COMING TO PANAMA, ALTHOUGH THEY HAVE NOT VISITED THE US
EXCEPTING ON A PASS-THROUGH BASIS. UNDER COVER OF A TRANSMITTAL
SLIP THE POST IS FORWARDING DR. PEREZ'S CURRICULUM VITAE.
THE EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE THE DEPARTMENT'S ASSISTANCE IN
DETERMINING THE FEASIBILITY OF THIS REQUEST.
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